

**APPLICATIONS OF SLOWLY CHANGING FUNCTIONS IN THE  
ESTIMATION OF GROWTH RATES OF DIFFERENTIAL  
MONOMIALS AND DIFFERENTIAL POLYNOMIALS**

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**ABSTRACT.** In the paper we establish some new results depending on the comparative growth properties of composite entire or meromorphic functions using  $L^*$ -order and  $L^*$ -type and differential monomials, differential polynomials generated by one of the factors.

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INTRODUCTION, DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS.

We denote by  $\mathbb{C}$  the set of all finite complex numbers. Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function defined on  $\mathbb{C}$ . We use the standard notations and definitions in the theory of entire and meromorphic functions which are available in [5] and [15]. In the sequel we use the following notation :  $\log^{[k]} x = \log \left( \log^{[k-1]} x \right)$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $\log^{[0]} x = x$ .

Let  $f$  be a non-constant meromorphic function defined in the open complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . Also let  $n_{0j}, n_{1j}, \dots, n_{kj} (k \geq 1)$  be non-negative integers such that for each  $j$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^k n_{ij} \geq 1$ . We call  $M_j [f] = A_j (f)^{n_{0j}} (f^{(1)})^{n_{1j}} \dots (f^{(k)})^{n_{kj}}$  where  $T(r, A_j) = S(r, f)$

to be a differential monomial generated by  $f$ . The numbers  $\gamma_{M_j} = \sum_{i=0}^k n_{ij}$  and  $\Gamma_{M_j} =$

$\sum_{i=0}^k (i+1)n_{ij}$  are called respectively the degree and weight of  $M_j [f]$  {[4],[10]}. The

expression  $P [f] = \sum_{j=1}^s M_j [f]$  is called a differential polynomial generated by  $f$ . The

numbers  $\gamma_P = \max_{1 \leq j \leq s} \gamma_{M_j}$  and  $\Gamma_P = \max_{1 \leq j \leq s} \Gamma_{M_j}$  are called respectively the degree and weight of  $P[f]$  {[4],[10]}. Also we call the numbers  $\gamma_P = \min_{1 \leq j \leq s} \gamma_{M_j}$  and  $k$  (the order of the highest derivative of  $f$ ) the lower degree and the order of  $P[f]$  respectively. If  $\gamma_P = \gamma_P$ ,  $P[f]$  is called a homogeneous differential polynomial. Throughout the paper we consider only the non-constant differential polynomials and we denote by  $P_0[f]$  a differential polynomial not containing  $f$  i.e., for which  $n_{0_j} = 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ . We consider only those  $P[f]$ ,  $P_0[f]$  singularities of whose individual terms do not cancel each other. We also denote by  $M[f]$  a differential monomial generated by a transcendental meromorphic function  $f$ .

In the sequel the following definitions are well known :

**Definition 1.** Let ‘ $a$ ’ be a complex number, finite or infinite. The Nevanlinna’s deficiency and the Valiron deficiency of ‘ $a$ ’ with respect to a meromorphic function  $f$  are defined as

$$\delta(a; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}$$

and

$$\Delta(a; f) = 1 - \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}.$$

**Definition 2.** The quantity  $\Theta(a; f)$  of a meromorphic function  $f$  is defined as follows

$$\Theta(a; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{N}(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}.$$

**Definition 3.** [14] For  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , we denote by  $n(r, a; f | = 1)$ , the number of simple zeros of  $f - a$  in  $|z| \leq r$ .  $N(r, a; f | = 1)$  is defined in terms of  $n(r, a; f | = 1)$  in the usual way. We put

$$\delta_1(a; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, a; f | = 1)}{T(r, f)},$$

the deficiency of ‘ $a$ ’ corresponding to the simple  $a$ -points of  $f$  i.e., simple zeros of  $f - a$ .

Yang [13] proved that there exists at most a denumerable number of complex numbers  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  for which  $\delta_1(a; f) > 0$  and  $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) \leq 4$ .

**Definition 4.** [8] For  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , let  $n_p(r, a; f)$  denotes the number of zeros of  $f - a$  in  $|z| \leq r$ , where a zero of multiplicity  $< p$  is counted according to its multiplicity and a zero of multiplicity  $\geq p$  is counted exactly  $p$  times and  $N_p(r, a; f)$  is defined in terms of  $n_p(r, a; f)$  in the usual way. We define

$$\delta_p(a; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_p(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}.$$

**Definition 5.** [3]  $P[f]$  is said to be admissible if

- (i)  $P[f]$  is homogeneous, or
- (ii)  $P[f]$  is non homogeneous and  $m(r, f) = S(r, f)$ .

Now let  $L \equiv L(r)$  be a positive continuous function increasing slowly *i.e.*,  $L(ar) \sim L(r)$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  for every positive constant  $a$ . *Singh and Barker* [11] defined it in the following way :

**Definition 6.**[11]A positive continuous function  $L(r)$  is called a slowly changing function if for  $\varepsilon (> 0)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{k^\varepsilon} \leq \frac{L(kr)}{L(r)} \leq k^\varepsilon \text{ for } r \geq r(\varepsilon) \text{ and}$$

uniformly for  $k (\geq 1)$ .

If further,  $L(r)$  is differentiable, the above condition is equivalent to

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{rL'(r)}{L(r)} = 0 .$$

Somasundaram and Thamizharasi [12] introduced the notions of  $L$ -order and  $L$ -order for entire functions. The more generalised concept for  $L$ -order and  $L$ -type for entire and meromorphic functions are  $L^*$ -order and  $L^*$ -type respectively. Their definitions are as follows :

**Definition 7.** [12] The  $L^*$ -order  $\rho_f^{L^*}$  and the  $L^*$ -lower order  $\lambda_f^{L^*}$  of an entire function  $f$  are defined as

$$\rho_f^{L^*} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} M(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \text{ and } \lambda_f^{L^*} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} M(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} .$$

When  $f$  is meromorphic, one can easily verify that

$$\rho_f^{L^*} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \text{ and } \lambda_f^{L^*} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} .$$

**Definition 8.** [12] The  $L^*$ -type  $\sigma_f^{L^*}$  of an entire function  $f$  is defined as follows:

$$\sigma_f^{L^*} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, f)}{[r e^{L(r)}] \rho_f^{L^*}}, \quad 0 < \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty .$$

For meromorphic  $f$ ,

$$\sigma_f^{L^*} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{[r e^{L(r)}] \rho_f^{L^*}}, \quad 0 < \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty .$$

Lakshminarasimhan [6] introduced the idea of the functions of L-bounded index. Later Lahiri and Bhattacharjee [7] worked on the entire functions of L-bounded index and of non uniform L-bounded index. In the paper we investigate the comparative growth of composite entire and meromorphic functions and differential monomials, differential polynomials generated by their factors using  $L^*$ -order and  $L^*$ -type. It is needless to mention that the admissibility and homogeneity of  $P_0[f]$  will be required as per the requirements of the lemmas and theorems in the paper.

## 2. LEMMAS

In this section we present some lemmas which will be needed in the sequel.

**Lemma 1.** [1] If  $f$  be meromorphic and  $g$  be entire then for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$T(r, f \circ g) \leq \{1 + o(1)\} \frac{T(r, g)}{\log M(r, g)} T(M(r, g), f) .$$

**Lemma 2.** [2] Let  $f$  be meromorphic and  $g$  be entire and suppose that  $0 < \mu < \rho_g \leq \infty$ . Then for a sequence of values of  $r$  tending to infinity,

$$T(r, f \circ g) \geq T(\exp(r)^\mu, f) .$$

**Lemma 3.** [3] Let  $P_0[f]$  be admissible. If  $f$  is of finite order or of non zero lower order and  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$ , then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, P_0[f])}{T(r, f)} = \Gamma_{P_0} .$$

**Lemma 4.** [3] Let  $f$  be either of finite order or of non-zero lower order such that  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$ . Then for homogeneous  $P_0[f]$ ,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, P_0[f])}{T(r, f)} = \gamma_{P_0}.$$

**Lemma 5.** Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function of finite order or of non zero lower order. If  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$ , then the  $L^*$ -order ( $L^*$ -lower order) of admissible  $P_0[f]$  is same as that of  $f$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, P_0[f])}{\log T(r, f)}$  exists and is equal to 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{P_0[f]}^{L^*} &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, P_0[f])}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \\ &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, P_0[f])}{\log T(r, f)} \\ &= \rho_f^{L^*} \cdot 1 \\ &= \rho_f^{L^*}. \end{aligned}$$

In a similar manner,  $\lambda_{P_0[f]}^{L^*} = \lambda_f^{L^*}$ .  
This proves the lemma.

**Lemma 6.** Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function of finite order or of non zero lower order such that  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$ . Then the  $L^*$ -order ( $L^*$ -lower order) of homogeneous  $P_0[f]$  and  $f$  are same.

We omit the proof of the lemma because it can be carried out in the line of Lemma 5 and with the help of Lemma 4.

**Lemma 7.** [9] Let  $f$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order or of non-zero lower order and  $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) = 4$ . Then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, M[f])}{T(r, f)} = \Gamma_M - (\Gamma_M - \gamma_M)\Theta(\infty; f),$$

where

$$\Theta(\infty; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{N}(r, f)}{T(r, f)}.$$

**Lemma 8.** If  $f$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order or of non-zero lower order and  $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) = 4$ , then the  $L^*$ -order ( $L^*$ -lower order) of  $M[f]$  are same as those of  $f$ .

We omit the proof of the lemma because it can be carried out in the line of Lemma 5 and with the help of Lemma 7.

### 3. THEOREMS

In this section we present the main results of the paper.

It is needless to mention that in the paper, the admissibility and homogeneity of  $P_0[f]$  will be needed as per the requirements of the theorems.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f$  be meromorphic with finite order or non zero lower order and  $g$  be entire satisfying the following conditions:

(i)  $0 < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$  and (ii)  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$ . Then for any  $A > 0$

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + K(r, g; L)} = \infty,$$

where  $0 < \mu < \rho_g$  and  $K(r, g; L) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r^\mu = o\{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))\} \\ & \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

*Proof.* Let  $0 < \mu < \mu' < \rho_g$ . Using the definition of  $L^*$ -lower order we obtain in view of Lemma 2 for a sequence of values of  $r$  tending to infinity that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) &\geq \log T(\exp(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'}, f) \\ \text{i.e., } \log T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) &\geq (\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon) \cdot \log \left\{ \exp(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'} \cdot \exp L(\exp(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'}) \right\} \\ \text{i.e., } \log T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) &\geq (\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon) \cdot \left\{ (\exp(r^A))^{\mu'} + L(\exp(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'}) \right\} \\ \text{i.e., } \log T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) &\geq (\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon) \cdot \left\{ (\exp(r^A))^{\mu'} \left( 1 + \frac{L(\exp(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'})}{(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'}} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$i.e., \log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) \geq O(1) + \mu' \log \exp(r^A) + \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{L(\exp(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'})}{(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'}} \right\}$$

$$i.e., \log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) \geq O(1) + \mu' r^A + \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{L(\exp(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'})}{(\exp(r^A))^{\mu'}} \right\}$$

$$i.e., \log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) \geq O(1) + \mu' r^A + \log \left[ 1 + \frac{L(\exp(\exp(\mu' r^A)))}{\exp(\mu' r^A)} \right]$$

$$i.e., \log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) \geq O(1) + \mu r^A + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) - \log[\exp\{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))\}] + \log \left[ 1 + \frac{L(\exp(\exp(\mu' r^A)))}{\exp(\mu r^A)} \right]$$

$$i.e., \log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) \geq O(1) + \mu r^A + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) + \log \left[ \frac{\exp(\mu r^A) + L(\exp(\exp(\mu' r^A)))}{\exp(\mu r^A) \exp\{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))\}} \right]$$

$$i.e., \log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) \geq O(1) + \mu' r^{(A-\mu)} . r^\mu + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) . \tag{1}$$

Also in view of Lemma 5 we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) &\leq (\rho_{P_0[f]}^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \log \left\{ \exp(r^\mu) e^{L(\exp(r^\mu))} \right\} \\ i.e., \log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) &\leq (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \{ \log \exp(r^\mu) + L(\exp(r^\mu)) \} \\ i.e., \log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) &\leq (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \{ r^\mu + L(\exp(r^\mu)) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$i.e., \frac{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) - (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) L(\exp(r^\mu))}{(\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon)} \leq r^\mu. \quad (2)$$

Now from (1) and (2) it follows for a sequence of values of  $r$  tending to infinity that

$$\begin{aligned} & \log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g) \\ & \geq O(1) + \left( \frac{\mu' r^{(A-\mu)}}{\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon} \right) \left[ \log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) - (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) L(\exp(r^\mu)) \right] \\ & + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} i.e., \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])} & \geq \frac{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) + O(1)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])} \\ & + \frac{\mu' r^{(A-\mu)}}{\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) L(\exp(r^\mu))}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Again from (3) we get for a sequence of values of  $r$  tending to infinity that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))} \\ & \geq \frac{O(1) - \mu' r^{(A-\mu)} L(\exp(r^\mu))}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))} \\ & + \frac{\left( \frac{\mu' r^{(A-\mu)}}{\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon} \right) \log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))} \\ & + \frac{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))} \\ i.e., \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))} & \geq \frac{\frac{O(1) - \mu' r^{(A-\mu)} L(\exp(r^\mu))}{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))}}{\frac{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])}{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))} + 1} \\ & + \frac{\left( \frac{\mu' r^{(A-\mu)}}{\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon} \right) \frac{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])}}{1 + \frac{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])}{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))}}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$



**Case I.** If  $r^\mu = o\{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))\}$  then it follows from (4) that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])} = \infty .$$

**Case II.**  $r^\mu \neq o\{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))\}$  then two sub cases may arise.

**Sub case (a).** If  $L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) = o\{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])\}$ , then we get from (5) that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))} = \infty .$$

**Sub case (b).** If  $L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) \sim \log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])$  then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L\{\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))\}}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f])} = 1$$

and we obtain from (5) that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))} = \infty .$$

Combining Case I and Case II we obtain that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), P_0[f]) + K(r, g; L)} = \infty ,$$

$$\text{where } K(r, g; L) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r^\mu = o\{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))\} \\ & \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

This proves the theorem.

**Remark 1.** With the help of Lemma 6, the conclusion of Theorem 1 can also be drawn under the hypothesis  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$  instead of  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$ .

**Remark 2.** If we choose  $f$  to be meromorphic and  $g$  to be entire of finite order or of non zero lower order satisfying  $0 < \lambda_g^{L^*} \leq \rho_g^{L^*} < \infty$ ,  $\lambda_f^{L^*} > 0$  and  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ , then Theorem 1 remains true with  $P_0[f]$  replaced by  $P_0[g]$  in the denominator.

**Remark 3.** By Lemma 6 the conclusion of Remark 2 can also drawn under the hypothesis  $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$  instead of  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ .

In the line of Theorem 1 and with the help of Lemma 8 we may state the following theorem without proof :

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f$  be transcendental meromorphic with finite order or non zero lower order and  $g$  be entire satisfying the following conditions:

(i)  $0 < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$  and (ii)  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \delta_1(a; f) = 4$ . Then for any  $A > 0$

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r^A), f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), M[f]) + K(r, g; L)} = \infty,$$

where  $0 < \mu < \rho_g$  and  $K(r, g; L) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r^\mu = o\{L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A)))\} \\ & \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ L(\exp(\exp(\mu r^A))) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

**Remark 4.** If we choose  $f$  to be meromorphic and  $g$  to be transcendental entire of finite order or of non zero lower order satisfying  $0 < \lambda_g^{L^*} \leq \rho_g^{L^*} < \infty$ ,  $\lambda_f^{L^*} > 0$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \delta_1(a; g) = 4$ , then Theorem 2 remains true with  $M[f]$  replaced by  $M[g]$  in the denominator.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function with finite order or non zero lower order and  $g$  be an entire function such that  $0 < \rho_g^{L^*} < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$  and  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$ . Then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, P_0[f]) \cdot K(r, g; L)} = 0,$$

where  $K(r, g; L) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\} \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ & \text{and for some } \alpha < \lambda_f^{L^*} \\ L(M(r, g)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

*Proof.* In view of Lemma 1 we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  that

$$T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g) \leq \{1 + o(1)\} T(r, g) T(M(r, g), f)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } \log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\} &\leq \log \{1 + o(1)\} + \log T(r, g) \\ &\quad + \log T(M(r, g), f) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i.e., \log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\} &\leq o(1) + (\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \log [re^{L(r)}] \\ &\quad + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) [\log M(r, g) e^{L(M(r, g))}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i.e., \log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\} &\leq o(1) + (\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon) [\log r + L(r)] \\ &\quad + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) [\log M(r, g) + L(M(r, g))] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i.e., \log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\} &\leq o(1) + (\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon) [\log r + L(r)] \\ &\quad + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \left[ \{re^{L(r)}\}^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon)} + L(M(r, g)) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Also in view of Lemma 6 we obtain for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(r, P_0[f]) &\geq (\lambda_{P_0[f]}^{L^*} - \varepsilon) \log [re^{L(r)}] \\ i.e., \log T(r, P_0[f]) &\geq (\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon) \log [re^{L(r)}] \\ i.e., T(r, P_0[f]) &\geq [re^{L(r)}]^{(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon)}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Now from (6) and (7) we get for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, P_0[f])} &\leq \frac{o(1) + (\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon) [\log r + L(r)]}{T(r, P_0[f])} \\ &\quad + \frac{(\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \left[ \{re^{L(r)}\}^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon)} + L(M(r, g)) \right]}{\{re^{L(r)}\}^{(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon)}}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Since  $\rho_g^{L^*} < \lambda_f^{L^*}$ , we can choose  $\varepsilon (> 0)$  in such a way that

$$\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon < \lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon. \quad (9)$$

**Case I.** Let  $L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and for some  $\alpha < \lambda_f^{L^*}$ .

As  $\alpha < \lambda_f^{L^*}$  we can choose  $\varepsilon (> 0)$  such that

$$\alpha < \lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon. \quad (10)$$

Since  $L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain on using (10) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{L(M(r, g))}{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}} &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{L(M(r, g))}{[re^{L(r)}]^{(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon)}} &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty . \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Now in view of (8), (9) and (11) we get that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, P_0[f])} = 0 . \tag{12}$$

**Case II.** If  $L(M(r, g)) \neq o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and for some  $\alpha < \lambda_f^{L^*}$  then we get from (8) that for a sequence of values of  $r$  tending to infinity,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, P_0[f]) L(M(r, g))} &\leq \frac{o(1) + (\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon) [\log \{re^{L(r)}\}]}{\{re^{L(r)}\}^{(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon)} L(M(r, g))} \\ &+ \frac{(\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \{re^{L(r)}\}^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \varepsilon)}}{\{re^{L(r)}\}^{(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon)} L(M(r, g))} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\{re^{L(r)}\}^{(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \varepsilon)} L(M(r, g))} . \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Now using (9) it follows from (13) that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, P_0[f]) L(M(r, g))} = 0 . \tag{14}$$

Combining (12) and (14) we obtain that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, P_0[f]) \cdot K(r, g; L)} = 0 ,$$

where  $K(r, g; L) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\} \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ & \text{and for some } \alpha < \lambda_f^{L^*} \\ L(M(r, g)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Thus the theorem is established.

**Remark 5.** In view of Lemma 5 one can easily verify that the conclusion of Theorem 3 can also be deduced if we replace “  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$  ” by  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f$  be a transcendental meromorphic function with finite order or non zero lower order and  $g$  be an entire function such that  $0 < \rho_g^{L^*} < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$  and  $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) = 4$ . Then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, M[f]) \cdot K(r, g; L)} = 0,$$

where  $K(r, g; L) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\} \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ & \text{and for some } \alpha < \lambda_f^{L^*} \\ L(M(r, g)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

The proof of the above theorem can be established in the line of Theorem 3 and with the help of Lemma 8 and therefore is omitted.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f$  be meromorphic and  $g$  be entire with finite order or of non zero lower order and  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ . Also Let  $0 < \rho_g^{L^*} < \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$ . Then

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, P_0[g]) \cdot K(r, g; L)} = 0,$$

where  $K(r, g; L) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\} \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ & \text{and for some } \alpha < \rho_f^{L^*} \\ L(M(r, g)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

The proof is omitted because it can be carried out in the line of Theorem 3.

**Remark 6.** By Lemma 6 the conclusion of Theorem 5 can also be drawn under the hypothesis  $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$  instead of  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ .

In the line of Theorem 5 one may state the following theorem without proof :

**Theorem 6.** Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function and  $g$  be a transcendental entire function with finite order or of non zero lower order and  $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; g) = 4$ . Also let  $0 < \rho_g^{L^*} < \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$ . Then

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \{T(r, f \circ g) \log M(r, g)\}}{T(r, M[g]) \cdot K(r, g; L)} = 0,$$

where  $K(r, g; L) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\} \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ & \text{and for some } \alpha < \rho_f^{L^*} \\ L(M(r, g)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function with finite order or non zero lower order and  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$ . Also let  $g$  be entire. If  $\rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$  and  $\lambda_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = \infty$  then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T(r, P_0[f])} = \infty.$$

*Proof.* Let us suppose that the conclusion of the theorem does not hold. Then we can find a constant  $\beta > 0$  such that for a sequence of values of  $r$  tending to infinity

$$\log T(r, f \circ g) \leq \beta \log T(r, P_0[f]). \tag{15}$$

Again from the definition of  $\rho_{P_0[f]}^{L^*}$  it follows that for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  and in view of Lemma 6

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(r, P_0[f]) &\leq (\rho_{P_0[f]}^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \log \{re^{L(r)}\} \\ \text{i.e., } \log T(r, P_0[f]) &\leq (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \log \{re^{L(r)}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Thus from (15) and (16) we have for a sequence of values of  $r$  tending to infinity that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(r, f \circ g) &\leq \beta (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \log \{re^{L(r)}\} \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log (re^{L(r)})} &\leq \frac{\beta (\rho_f^{L^*} + \varepsilon) \log \{re^{L(r)}\}}{\log \{re^{L(r)}\}} \\ \text{i.e., } \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log (re^{L(r)})} &= \lambda_{f \circ g}^{L^*} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction.  
This proves the theorem.

**Remark 7.** Theorem 7 is also valid with “limit superior” instead of “limit” if  $\lambda_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = \infty$  is replaced by  $\rho_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = \infty$  and the other conditions remaining the same.

**Corollary 1.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 7 or Remark 7,

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f \circ g)}{T(r, P_0[f])} = \infty.$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 7 or Remark 7 we obtain for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  and for  $K > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(r, f \circ g) &> K \log T(r, P_0[f]) \\ \text{i.e., } T(r, f \circ g) &> \log \{T(r, P_0[f])\}^K, \end{aligned}$$

from which the corollary follows.

**Remark 8.** The condition  $\lambda_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = \infty$  is necessary in Theorem 7 and Corollary 1 which is evident from the following example :

**Example 1.** Let  $f = \exp z$ ,  $g = z$  and  $L(r) = \frac{1}{p} \exp\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)$  where  $p$  is any positive real number.

Also let  $s = 1$ ,  $A_1 = 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} n_{i1} &= 1 \text{ for } i = 1 \\ &= 0 \text{ for } i \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$P_0[f] = \exp z.$$

Also

$$\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1, \rho_f^{L^*} = 1 < \infty \text{ and } \lambda_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = 1 < \infty.$$

Now

$$T(r, f \circ g) = T(r, \exp z) = \frac{r}{\pi}$$

and

$$T(r, P_0[f]) = T(r, \exp z) = \frac{r}{\pi}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T(r, P_0[f])} &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r + O(1)}{\log r + O(1)} = 1 \text{ and} \\ \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f \circ g)}{T(r, P_0[f])} &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{r}{\pi}\right)}{\left(\frac{r}{\pi}\right)} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 9.** Considering

$$f = \exp z, g = z, A = 1, L(r) = \frac{1}{p} \exp\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)$$

where  $p$  is any positive real number;

$$s = 1, A_1 = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_{i1} &= 1 \text{ for } i = 1 \\ &= 0 \text{ for } i \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

one can also verify that the condition  $\rho_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = \infty$  in Remark 7 and Corollary 1 is essential.

**Remark 10.** The conclusion of Theorem 7, Remark 7 and Corollary 1 can also drawn under the hypothesis  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$  instead of  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$ .

In the line of Theorem 17 the following theorem may be deduced:

**Theorem 8.** Let  $f$  be a transcendental meromorphic function with finite order or non zero lower order and  $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) = 4$ . Also let  $g$  be entire. If  $\rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$  and  $\lambda_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = \infty$  then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T(r, M[f])} = \infty.$$

**Remark 11.** Theorem 8 is also valid with “limit superior” instead of “limit” if  $\lambda_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = \infty$  is replaced by  $\rho_{f \circ g}^{L^*} = \infty$  and the other conditions remaining the same.

**Corollary 2.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 8 or Remark 11,

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f \circ g)}{T(r, M[f])} = \infty.$$

The proof is omitted because it can be carried out in the line of Corollary 1.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function with finite order or non zero lower order and  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$ . Also let  $g$  be an entire function and  $0 < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$  and  $0 < \sigma_g^{L^*} < \infty$ . If  $L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and for some positive  $\alpha < \rho_g^{L^*}$ , then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T(\exp\{r e^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_f^{L^*} \cdot \sigma_g^{L^*}}{\lambda_f^{L^*}}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $T(r, g) \leq \log^+ M(r, g)$  and by Lemma 1 we get for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(r, f \circ g) &\leq \log\{1 + o(1)\} + \log T(M(r, g), f) \\ \text{i.e., } \log T(r, f \circ g) &\leq o(1) + \log T(M(r, g), f) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & i.e., \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T\left(\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[f]\right)} \\
 & \leq \frac{o(1) + \log T(M(r, g), f)}{\log T\left(\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[f]\right)} = \frac{o(1) + \log T(M(r, g), f)}{\log\{M(r, g)e^{L(M(r, g))}\}} \\
 & \frac{\log M(r, g) + L(M(r, g))}{[re^{L(r)}]^{\rho_g^{L^*}}} \cdot \frac{\log\left\{\exp(re^{L(r)})^{\rho_g^{L^*}}\right\}}{\log T\left[\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[f]\right]} \tag{17}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & i.e., \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T\left(\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[f]\right)} \\
 & \leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(M(r, g), f)}{\log\{M(r, g)e^{L(M(r, g))}\}} \cdot \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, g) + L(M(r, g))}{[re^{L(r)}]^{\rho_g^{L^*}}} \\
 & \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\left\{\exp(re^{L(r)})^{\rho_g^{L^*}}\right\}}{\log T\left[\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[f]\right]} \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $\alpha < \rho_g^{L^*}$  we can choose  $\varepsilon (> 0)$  in such a way that  $\alpha < \rho_g^{L^*} - \varepsilon$  and since  $L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L(M(r, g))}{[re^{L(r)}]^{\rho_g^{L^*} - \varepsilon}} = 0 \tag{19}$$

Now from (18) and (19) and in view of Lemma 6 it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T\left[\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[f]\right]} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} \cdot \sigma_g^{L^*} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_{P_0[f]}^{L^*}} \\
 & i.e., \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T\left[\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[f]\right]} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} \cdot \sigma_g^{L^*} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_f^{L^*}} \tag{19}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the theorem is established.

**Remark 12.** By Lemma 5 one can verify that the Theorem 9 is also valid if we take  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$  instead of “  $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$  ” and the other conditions are remaining the same.

In the line of Theorem 9 the following theorem can be proved :

**Theorem 10.** Let  $f$  be meromorphic and  $g$  be entire of finite order or of non zero lower order such that  $\lambda_g^{L^*} > 0, 0 < \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty, 0 < \sigma_g^{L^*} < \infty$  and  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ . If  $L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and for some positive  $\alpha < \rho_g^{L^*}$ , then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T\left[\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, P_0[g]\right]} \leq \frac{\rho_f^{L^*} \cdot \sigma_g^{L^*}}{\lambda_g^{L^*}}.$$

The proof is omitted.

**Remark 11.** The conclusion of Theorem 10 can also be drawn under the hypothesis “  $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$  or  $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$  ” instead of  $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ .

**Theorem 11.** Let  $f$  be a transcendental meromorphic function with finite order or non zero lower order and  $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) = 4$ . Also let  $g$  be an entire function and  $0 < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$  and  $0 < \sigma_g^{L^*} < \infty$ . If  $L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and for some positive  $\alpha < \rho_g^{L^*}$ , then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T\left[\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, M[f]\right]} \leq \frac{\rho_f^{L^*} \cdot \sigma_g^{L^*}}{\lambda_f^{L^*}}.$$

**Theorem 12.** Let  $f$  be meromorphic and  $g$  be transcendental entire of finite order or of non zero lower order such that  $\lambda_g^{L^*} > 0, 0 < \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty, 0 < \sigma_g^{L^*} < \infty$  and  $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; g) = 4$ . If  $L(M(r, g)) = o\{r^\alpha e^{\alpha L(r)}\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and for some positive  $\alpha < \rho_g^{L^*}$ , then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log T\left[\exp\{re^{L(r)}\}^{\rho_g^{L^*}}, M[g]\right]} \leq \frac{\rho_f^{L^*} \cdot \sigma_g^{L^*}}{\lambda_g^{L^*}}.$$

The proof of the above two theorems can be established in the line of Theorem 9 and Theorem 10 respectively and with the help of Lemma 8 and therefore is omitted.

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